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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Chief, DPD

SUBJECT: Activities Report for Operations Branch  
13-19 November 1960

1. PLANS SECTION:

a. CORONA 9012 successfully retrieved 14 November.

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b. Spare [redacted]  
operation.

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c. Spare engine and maintenance crew arranged for engine change  
[redacted] 378 at Hickam. Engine in transit.

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d. As of 20 November the [redacted]  
has flown 12 sorties of which 8 were successful.

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e. [redacted] scheduled for test hop 21 November.

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[redacted]

g. Pending Actions:

(1) Subject: CORONA 9013  
Date: 29 November  
Actionee: OPS/COR, [redacted]

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(2) Subject: ARGON 9014A  
Date: January 1961  
Actionee: OPS/COR, [redacted]

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(3) Subject: [redacted]  
Date:  
Actionee: OPS/Plans [redacted]

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2. CONTROL CENTER:

a. Negative report for this period. Routine Control Center Activities.

b. Pending Actions:

(1) Subject: Replacement for [redacted]  
Requested: 1 June  
Suspense: 22 July  
Actionee: ADMIN/PERS

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(2) Subject: Recruitment of [redacted]  
Requested: 6 October  
Actionee: ADMIN/PERS

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3. OPERATIONS REQUIREMENTS SECTION:

a. LAC completed the initial test flight on recently configured [redacted]. Many difficulties were encountered due to new maintenance crews being assigned to the [redacted]. A complete report on these problems will be included in trip report. The first test flight for equipment evaluation on 18 November indicated that the majority of write ups have been cleared. A further report on this flight is due in Headquarters 21 November.

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b. In coordination with [redacted] and BuWeps worked out a tentative solution to the terrain avoidance problems. Additional information concerning these problems are contained in a Requirements Section memo dated 16 November.

c. Revised T/O for Requirements Section was re-drafted during this period, to include an Aircraft Performance Engineer. This individual will be responsible for providing aircraft performance data for the Air Section and the Projects.

d. The five year study concerning projected CIA Air Activities was returned to the Requirements Section for rework. The suspense date of this project has been moved to 15 December. This paper will provide guidelines for the [redacted] in selecting aircraft and sites.

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g. Pending Actions:

(1) Subject: Air Column Plastic Shelters Evaluation  
Requested: 15 June  
Actionee: DPD/MB

(2) Subject: Module Pallets for C-180  
Requested: 15 July  
Actionee: OPS/RS and [redacted]

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(3) Subject: Program Covering Installation [redacted]  
Requested: 8 July  
Suspense: 1 December  
Actionee: OPS/RS

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(4) Subject: HRB Beacon Test Requested  
Requested: 12 August  
Suspense: 15 November  
Actionee: OPS/RS and DB

(5) Subject: Engineering for High Altitude Helio  
H-392 Strato Courier  
Requested: 11 July  
Actionee: OPS/RS

(6) Subject: CIA Air Activities - Organization and Inventory  
Requested: 15 July  
Suspense: 15 December  
Actionee: OPS/RS

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(7) Subject: [redacted] Function and Configuration

Requested: 8 August

Suspense: 10 November

Actionee: OPS/RS and DB

(8) Subject: Countermeasure Against Soviet SAM  
(Activity Program)

Requested: 9 September

Actionee: OPS/RS and DB

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4. INTELLIGENCE SECTION:

a. Prepared memo to DD/P for approval of revisions to Ops Policy Letter No. 6. In substance, the changes conformed to suggestions by the DD/P that instructions for pilots captured in Soviet-Bloc areas should differ from those for pilots in hostile but non-Soviet Bloc areas. Proposed revisions were approved by DD/P.

b. Meeting was held with Chairman, COMOR, and representatives from [redacted] to revise and bring up-to-date target requirements for additional U-2 coverage of Cuba. WH submitted a revised list of targets and the military services were solicited to submit their requirements in the same area. A composite list of all targets was prepared 25X1A and copies were furnished to DD/P (with graphic); Chairman, COMOR; [redacted] and PIC.

c. Prepared a let-down chart of the area for reproduction by PIC for the Plans Section.

d. Pending Actions: None

5. COMMUNICATIONS SECTION:

a. Eglin/Midwest circuit was deactivated temporarily and will be reactivated after installation of the on-line equipment and the move to Field #3 at Eglin is completed. The move is scheduled for 25 November.

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b. On 17 November [redacted] signal center commenced 8 hours per day operation, Monday through Friday. Arrangements were made with AAC5 to provide call-in service for OPIM traffic received during non-duty hours.

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c. [redacted] departed Headquarters for [redacted]

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[redacted] to complete processing prior TDY assignment [redacted]

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d. Pending Actions: None

6. AIR SUPPORT SECTION:

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a. [redacted]

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(1) Prepared cable and briefed FE on three [redacted] missions for November which were approved. One Mission, TE 69-657, was flown on 19 November.

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(2) A visit was made to LAC during 15-18 November. [redacted] was observed under actual tests against AI equipped U. S. Marine fighters and this equipment appears to be highly satisfactory. The B-17 was inspected and except for the engines appears to be in an acceptable condition as stated previously by [redacted]

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b. [redacted] was released from IRAN 18 November. The aircraft was loaded at Andrews AFB Friday afternoon, 18 November, for return trip to [redacted] via Eglin, Kelly, and Peterson Field. ETA at [redacted] is 23/1600Z.

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c. [redacted]

(1) Present planning is for one mission on 1 December. Mission could be flown in C-118 or C-130. There is a possible requirement for a second mission later in the month requiring C-130 aircraft.

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(2) Policy approval for [redacted] missions has not been received yet, however, President Elect Kennedy briefed on project 18 November and gave his approval.

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(3) Approval for use [redacted] as a staging base has not been received yet. Present planning is to deploy to [redacted] on 28 November.

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d. [redacted]

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e. JMARC

(1) [redacted]

(2) Beginning 29 November, JMARC support flights will run on a schedule basis -- Tuesday, Thursdays, and Saturdays. During period of non-scheduled flights, one C-54 and aircREW will remain on alert.

f. Pending Actions:

(1) Subject: [redacted]

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Requested: 1 June

Suspense: 1 August

Actionee: ADMIN/PERS

(2) Subject: [redacted]

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Finance Station

Requested: 21 July

Suspense: 29 August

Actionee: DPD/FIN

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DHA [redacted]

Chief [redacted]